

Georgetown City Council Meeting
May 23, 2011
6:00 pm

The Georgetown City Council Meeting was called to order with all members present. After a moment of silence Councilman Singer led the pledge.

1. Minutes:

A motion was made by councilman Lusby and seconded by Councilwoman Skinner to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2011 city council meeting. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tackett and seconded by Councilman Thompson to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2011 city council meeting. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

2. Acknowledgement receipt of bills:

Mayor Varney requested council acknowledge receipt of bills. Council acknowledged receipt of bills.

3. Public Concerns:

Kitty Dougoud announced that the Farmers Market would be open Friday Mornings beginning May 24th from 7:00 am-12:00 pm

Mrs. Dougoud requested road closure for the 4th of July parade which will be held on Saturday July 2nd. The Scott County Arts Council is hosting the activities that day and the Central Kentucky Band will play music after the parade in Court Square. The rain date for the parade will be Monday July 4th. A motion was made by Councilman Prather and seconded by Councilman Penn to close the street for the parade. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Historic Georgetown Inc. and the Scott County Arts Consortium were both selected to possibly receive a grant from the This Place Matters Challenge. The project that the grant would fund will be used for either removal of lead in the Art Consortium building or the Royal Springs Bridge. Votes can be cast on line at www.preservationnation.org from June 1- June 30.

Steve Price brought a sign he had made for the cross walk on Main Street. The concept he presented would require ten of the signs he made placed on each side of the street. When pedestrians would like to cross the street they would pick up one of the signs and hold it out in front of them so that oncoming traffic could see the sign. Councilman Thompson reminded all that the crosswalk problem has been solved. During the May 9, 2011 meeting the council unanimously agreed on a double sided sign at a cost of approximately \$500.00 to be placed at this cross walk.

Mr. Price expressed concern about managed vegetation. Mr. Price does not think that his hay should be mowed down when it grows above 10 inches. Logan Askew Georgetown's city attorney suggested Mr. Price file an appeal.

Brenda Valentine Jackson Executive Director of the Georgetown Housing Authority requested a street closing June 18, 2011 from 9:00 am until 2:30 pm. The Housing Authority will be celebrating Fathers Day and would like to set up in the area between 340 East Washington Street to the corner of Washington and Mulberry Street. Councilman Thompson made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Tackett to approve the street closing. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Councilman McEuen gave an update on Tahara our sister city in Japan. Tahara hosted their 51st kite festival the previous weekend and it was a successful weekend. The election for Mayor was also held recently and Mayor Suzuki will serve another term.

4. Mayors Comments:

Time Warner Cable

Mayor Varney asked council to refer to a letter from Time Warner in the council packet. The letter is an update on Georgetown's local cable provider.

Fire Fighters

At the request of the Red Cross four of Georgetown's fire fighters have gone to Joplin, MO to help with the city's search and rescue mission. They will return on Friday.

5. GMWSS Proposed 2012 Budget:

Mr. Jenkins introduced Mr. Wilhite who presented the budget. Mr. Wilhite said the GMWSS has a very efficient leak program and they have identified thirty-six leaks. Cost savings are still active and there will be no rate increase this year. On May 19th this budget was approved by the Board of Commissioners. Councilman Lusby asked how many employees GMWSS has and Mr. Jenkins said that there are currently fifty-six. There have only been 5 employees added in the past thirteen years. There are 228 customers per employee. Councilman Singer asked if all customers were inside the city limits. Mr. Jenkins said yes and that only Delaplain road was outside the city limits but no one is currently living there. Mr. Jenkins thanked the employees of GMWSS for making cutbacks. A motion was made by Councilman Prather and seconded by Councilman McEuen to approve the 2012 GMWSS Budget. The motion was unanimously approved.

quick decision so that he could get ahead for future field days. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson and seconded by Councilwoman Tackett to approve the resolution for the change order.

City Attorney Logan Askew explained to the council that the current purchasing policy needs to be evaluated so that issues like this change order can be addressed before it is too late. Councilman Penn asked if departments were able to make \$27,000.00 decisions without approval. Mr. Askew said no and that in the past most of the contract decisions had been decided with a voice vote. The purchasing policy refers to change orders only in cases of cost overruns. Mr. Larson did not bring the change order to council for approval before because he was within the confines of the department's budget.

A roll call vote was taken the motion passing 5-2. Those voting no were Councilmen Penn and Singer. Those voting yes were Councilwoman Skinner and Tackett and Councilmen Lusby, Prather, McEuen, and Thompson.

Council Comments

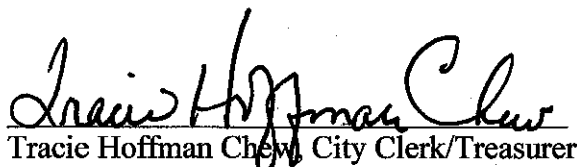
Councilman Penn asked why public input was not on this meetings agenda. He stated that it was the consensus of council to take public comments or give out comment cards. Councilman Singer also thought the Council would be taking questions this evening. He suggests at the next budget meeting the council sit in their regular chairs and be addressed by the public. Ms. Pendergrass said that the agenda for budget meetings is very general so that the council can cover any topic concerning the budget. Councilman Lusby suggested a time limit for public comments. Mr. Askew said that a time limit is the council's decision and the Mayor could enforce the limit. A four minute time limit was agreed upon with public comments at the beginning of the meeting.

A motion for adjournment was made by Councilwoman Skinner and seconded by Councilman Penn. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

APPROVED BY:


Everette Varney, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:


Tracie Hoffman Chew, City Clerk/Treasurer